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Regional Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Cook County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members Present:

Michael Gorman (President, Village of Riverside-CMAP Board), Interim Chair, Frank Beal (Metropolis Strategies-CMAP Board), Roger Claar (Mayor-Village of Bolingbrook-CMAP Board), Sheri Cohen (Chicago Dept. Public Health-Human & Community Services Cmte.), Christine Kolb (ULI-Housing Cmte.), Al Larson (President, Village of Schaumburg-CMAP Board), Heather Weed Niehoff (VOA, Inc.,-CMAP Board), Ed Paesel (South Suburban Mayors & Managers Assoc.-Land Use Cmte.), Leanne Redden (RTA-Transportation Cmte.),

Members Absent:

Jack Darin (Sierra Club- Environment and Natural Resources Cmte.), Lance Pressl (Chicagoland Chamber-Economic Development Cmte.), Rae Rupp Srch (DuPage County-CMAP Board)

Others Present:

Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Chris Staron-Northwest Municipal Conference, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Mike Walczak-Northwest Municipal Conference, Jan Ward-Kane Kendall Council of Mayors and Tammy Wierciak-West Central Municipal Conference.

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Matt Maloney, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Alex Beata, Holly Ostdick, and Sherry Kane

1.0 Call to Order

Michael Gorman, Interim Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting as presented, made by Mayor Roger Claar was seconded by Ed Paesel. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Performance Based Evaluation Criteria and Transportation Funding

Matt Maloney, CMAP staff, presented an overview of the material that had been forwarded in the committee packet, reporting that after its October 12, 2011 meeting the Committee had asked that staff provide additional detail on case study states, that transit be included and that the development of hypothetical funding scenarios for Illinois begin. Maloney also reported results of staff's recent efforts to address the additional detail that had been requested. On the highway side, three issues are apparent: IDOT's evaluation criteria focuses on the physical condition of the highway (versus its use or broader impact); IDOT's public documentation does not specify how performance data is incorporated into the project selection process; and, regarding the 55/45 split, IDOT uses performance data to allocate funds among districts 2-9, but not across the entire state. On the transit side, Maloney continued, the following three issues were identified: allocation of the RTA Sales Tax and Public Transportation Fund is calculated through statutorilydetermined formulas; the state does not describe how transit projects are included in capital programs; and, RTA and the service boards have initiated data collection efforts, and are now working to help link the data to budgeting and programming. Maloney went on to report potential ways forward for both highway and transit funding, that would consist of an over-arching goal of moving away from splits to a performance-based system, with CMAP recommending a three-step highway funding process (outlined in detail on page 12 of the material), and suggesting that the RTA continue the development of its pilot project, convening a wider group of stakeholders to determine performance measures and weights and advocating for an appropriate legislative response. Above all, transparency is highly desired. The committee endorsed getting out in front of the 55/45 split; discussed implementation via a cooperative approach with the agencies; and that the Governor's office should be involved (through the Secretary of Transportation).

5.0 State Legislative Framework and Agenda

CMAP Staff, Gordon Smith, presented CMAP's State Legislative Framework that had also included in the committee packet. Smith reported that the material was developed to guide staff and inform partners and legislative leaders of CMAP's policy positions regarding initiatives being discussed in Springfield. The framework is based on the 12 principles from the GO TO 2040 recommendations. Smith cited examples of how the framework would be used to support, oppose or remain neutral on legislation during last spring's legislative session. The committee discussed staff approaches, particularly related to a sub-regional, intermodal redevelopment project. Smith explained that CMAP is most interested in matters with regional or statewide impact or that can serve as precursors to broader more comprehensive legislation. CMAP may sometimes appear cautious so as not to limit flexibility later on, Smith continued.

The State Legislative Agenda covers three main topics: CMAP funding, that includes funding for comprehensive regional planning and regional water planning; investing

strategically in transportation, that covers the 55/45 issues and performance based allocation for transportation; and the creation of a Regional Freight Authority, Smith concluded.

6.0 Federal Legislative Framework

Matt Maloney, CMAP staff, presented CMAP's 2012 Federal Legislative Framework, also developed focusing on the GO TO 2040 principles of pursuing coordinated investments, achieving greater livability through land use and housing, investing strategically in transportation, creating a more efficient freight network, increasing commitment to public transit, managing and conserving water and energy resources, improving education and workforce development, supporting economic innovation and expanding and improving parks and open space.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Regional Coordinating Committee.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

9.0 Next Meeting

The Regional Coordinating Committee meets next on February 8, 2012. Other 2012 committee meeting dates include: April 11, June 13, October 10 and December 12.

10.0 Adjournment

At 10:30 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Ed Paesel. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, February 8, 2012